



JEFFERSON COUNTY PROFILE

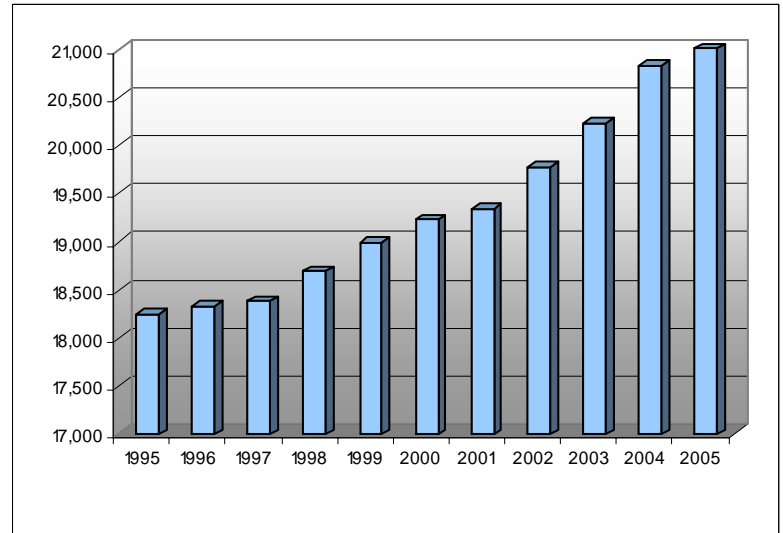
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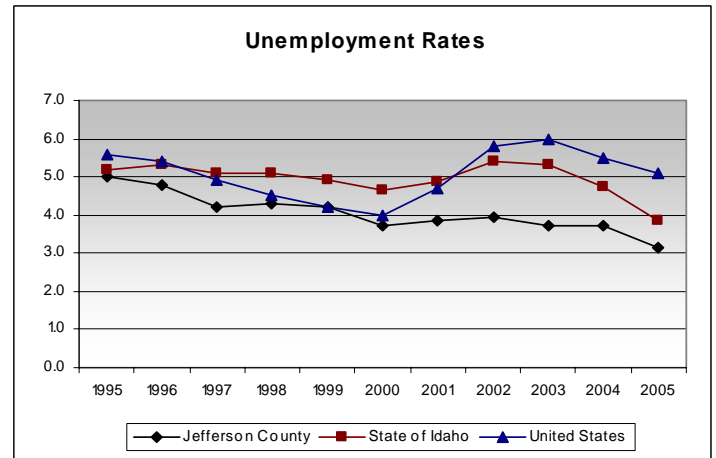
Population

Jefferson County, situated between Bonneville and Madison Counties, has been growing by an average of 333 persons per year over the decade, and shows a population count of 21,580 in 2005. Growth over 400 per year was seen between 2002 and 2005, with 2005 showing the largest growth, 753 people. Because of the county's proximity to Bonneville and Madison Counties, it is expected that average growth will increase because of two factors: Bonneville County is experiencing steady growth in all sectors, and Madison County's Brigham Young University-Idaho officially became a four-year university in 2001 and is contributing to tremendous growth in Rexburg. Jefferson County is absorbing overflow from both counties and new subdivisions are currently progressing as are retail and service sectors.



Labor Force & Employment

Jefferson County had a relatively steady unemployment rate throughout the decade, remaining below the state and national rate; only in 1999 was it level with the national rate. The county is experiencing expansion and growth since it gets overflow from both Madison and Bonneville counties and is a nice middle grounds for commuters between those two counties. The *Civilian Labor Force* grew by almost 1,500 (15.7 percent) over the decade, while unemployment decreased by 123. The county plans to capitalize on tourist traffic that passes through on U.S. Highway 20 on the way to Island Park and Yellowstone National Park. For example, the Riot Zone, which features recreational activities for the whole family, is situated next to Rigby Lake, which offers picnic spaces and day camping and swimming. U.S. Highway 26 also attracts tourists traveling to Targhee National Forest and the ski resort, along with those traveling to Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Kelly Canyon Resort and Ski Hill and Heise Hot



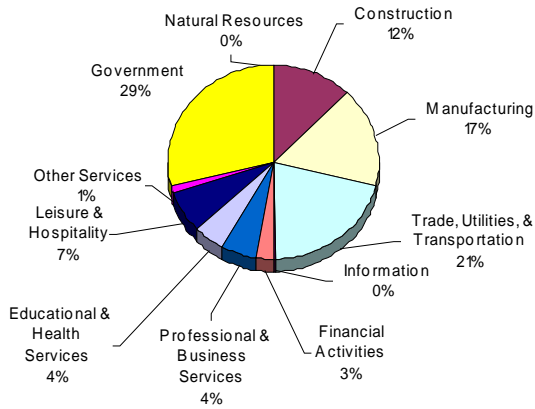
Springs and Golf Course are picturesque spots to visit.

As the pie chart on the second page of this profile shows, the county is fairly represented in most all industrial categories. *Government*, *Trade*, *Manufacturing*, and *Construction* are the largest industries, with *Government* and *Trade* offering over half of the jobs. The Department of Transportation, local officials, and several school districts account for *Government* jobs while two of the area's large potato fresh-pack plants employ many in *Wholesale Trade*. Most of the *Manufacturing* jobs come from two large potato processing plants, Idaho Fresh-Pak and Idaho Pacific. The county also is highly involved in the agricultural sector and is known for its production of grain, corn, and potatoes.

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	10,698	11,125
Total Employment	10,320	10,746
Unemployed	378	379
Jefferson County % Unemployed	3.5	3.4
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	9,248	9,457	9,627	10,061	10,301	9,012	9,139	9,366	9,850	10,063	10,696
Unemployment	461	455	404	435	430	336	353	371	366	375	338
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.0	4.8	4.2	4.3	4.2	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.2
Employment	8,787	9,002	9,223	9,626	9,871	8,676	8,787	8,994	9,484	9,688	10,358

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Covered Employers

Covered Employment includes employers who are subject to state and federal Unemployment Insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

Jefferson County's number of covered employees increased by 21.3 percent over the decade, just over 900 employees. The average wage increased \$5,692 over the same time period. *Construction* and *Government* experienced the largest growth (over 500 combined), while *Agriculture* lost jobs. Developers are turning some farm land into housing and commercial developments while automation is reducing the need for so many workers. Wages in *Manufacturing* increased the most over the decade due in large part to the growth and expansion of Yellowstone Log Homes that produces wood for log home packages and added a "Do-It-Yourself" center.

Major Employers

Blaine Larsen Farms, Inc.
Broulim's Foodtown
Idaho Fresh Pak, Inc.
Idaho Pacific Corporation
Idaho Transportation Department
Jefferson County
Jefferson, Ririe, and West Jefferson School Districts
Rigby Produce, Inc.

Eastern ID Occupational Wages*

Average Wage

Agricultural Workers	\$8.47
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	\$11.30
Cashiers	\$7.00
Construction Trades Workers	\$7.79
Cooks & Food Preparation Workers	\$8.07
Customer Service Reps	\$9.86
Engineers (All)	\$35.42
Food & Beverage Serving Workers	\$6.59
Food Processing Workers	\$9.97
General Office Clerks	\$10.69
Graders & Sorters, Agricultural Products	\$7.01
Janitors & Cleaners (excluding Housekeepers)	\$9.26
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$8.58
Retail Sales Workers	\$9.52

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	4,342	\$16,231	5,156	\$21,748	5,269	\$21,923
Agriculture	963	\$17,877	918	\$21,824	798	\$22,524
Mining	*	*	0	\$0	0	\$0
Construction	281	\$16,816	511	\$20,492	555	\$20,898
Manufacturing	711	\$16,725	699	\$28,518	759	\$27,445
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	834	\$14,681	930	\$19,261	940	\$19,262
Information	*	*	*	*	8	\$12,638
Financial Activities	80	\$17,550	101	\$25,037	122	\$25,038
Professional and Business Services	64	\$21,175	206	\$31,604	233	\$29,912
Educational and Health Services	100	\$14,368	202	\$19,038	232	\$19,811
Leisure and Hospitality	243	\$4,998	286	\$6,763	295	\$7,415
Other Services	26	\$13,000	58	\$15,561	59	\$15,692
Government	1,023	\$17,885	1,240	\$22,605	1,268	\$23,010

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Jefferson County	\$15,148	\$15,491	\$16,271	\$17,201	\$17,818	\$18,744	\$19,687	\$20,041	\$19,535	\$21,071
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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